organisation of activities like hydrometeorology, flood meteorology, forecasting, climatology and research and Development, have also been made. Recommendations to improve the functioning of the two of the Institutes, while retaining their autonomy have also been made.

(b) Three autonomous Institutes have been established viz., Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore and Indian Institute of Geomagnetism, Bombay as recommended by COSR.

Suggestions of Ramanna Committee regarding changes in administrative structures, policies of recruitment of officers, etc. have been implemented. The Committees' technical recommendations are undergoing implementation as Plan Schemes of the Department.

(c) The recommendations have been accepted.

(d) It is not proposed to change the basic structure of the composition of the Council for Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences.

Outstanding Amount of Excise Duty

1553. SHRI KALYAN ROY:
SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1391 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th October, 1982 and state;

(a) whether Hindustan Aluminium Corporation Ltd. M/s. Texmaco Ltd. M/s. Indian Linoleum, M/s. Gwalior Rayons, M/s. Jiyajee Cotton Mills, Gwalior, Jayashree Textile Industries, Rishra, M/s. Century Spinning & Weaving Mills of the Birla group of industries, Tata Chemicals Ltd., Mithapur, M/s. Tata Oil Mills, M/s. Tata Mills, TISCO, Jamshedpur, M/s. TELCO of Tata House have not paid over Rs. 5 crores as excise duty;

(b) how much has been paid by each of them and how much is still outstanding against each of them and details thereof and the steps taken by Government to realise the amount;

(c) on how many occasions each of the above companies has issued bonus shares during the last five years and the details thereof; and

(d) what is the amount of corporate tax paid by each of these companies from 1980 to 1984 and the details thereof, company-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINSTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Malpractices, Misappropriation, etc., in the Punjab and Sind Bank

1554. SHRI KALYAN ROY:
SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether serious malpractices, misappropriation, cheating, etc., of crores of rupees by senior officials (S. Gurpal Singh and others) of the Punjab and Sind Bank have been detected after a full investigation by the CBI;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether CBI also detected various malpractices in the Head Office Loans Department;

(d) whether CBI investigation strongly recommended follow up action as there was *prima-facie* case against the officers;

(e) if so, what action has been taken by the Bank authorities;

(f) whether in spite of the fact that all these have been brought to the notice of CMD, Executive Director and General Manager no follow up action has been taken and Shri S. Gurpal Singh, the main accused, has been given hurried promotion;

(g) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(h) when did CBI investigation report and other allegations against him were received by the authorities and when was he promoted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) to (h) Information is being collected and to the extent available and permissible under the provisions of the statutes governing the conduct of the Public Sector Banks and customs and usages prevalent amongst them, will be laid on the Table of the House.

Raid on M/s. Vallabh Glass Works Limited

1555. SHRI KALYAN ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the residential and office promises of Shri G. A. Taktawala, Managing Director of M/s. Shri Vallabh Glass Works Limited and other Directors were searched and raided on the 20th February, 1984 for accumulation of huge black money and illegal import of machinery, etc.;

(b) what are the details of these searches together with the names of persons and concerns;

(c) whether in course of searches certain documents and jewellery were seized;

(d) whether bank lockers were sealed and if so, whether their contents have been verified, and if not, what are the reasons for the delay;

(e) whether any simultaneous investigation has been made about black money Shri Taktawala has made by taking over Hindustan Pilkington Glass Works Limited at Asansol and selling its old stock of glass sheet worth nearly Rs. 2 crores and dubious exports through various firms belonging to him, and if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Shri Taktawala absconded after the raid and whether now he is available for interrogation; and

(g) by when the investigation is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHNA POOJARY): (a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Risks underwritten by E.C.G.C.

1556. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANAHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the value of the risks underwritten by the Export Credit and Guarantee Corporation under its different schemes for each of the West Asian and North African region and African countries during the first six months of 1983 and 1984;

(b) what is the amount of default by importers which ECGC has paid off the Indian exporters for each of the above mentioned countries during the six months of 1984;

(c) what are the names of the countries for which ECGC has stopped underwriting of risks and the reasons therefor;

(d) how much of the underwritten amount was to be recovered till June, 1984, from each of these countries;

(e) how long these dues have been pending and whether Government are negotiating deferred payment arrangement with these countries to recover the dues; and

(f) what is ECGC's strategy of operation in WANA and African countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT of SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) The information is given in the Statement I attached.

(b) The information is given in the statement II attached.

(c) ECGC has not stopped offering cover on any country so far. However, certain countries are placed under Restricted cover. This step has been taken in view of difficulties in repatriating export proceeds.